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*Breach of Gandhi-Irwin Pact by Government subordinates.*

* 435 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government have, on enquiry, found any actual breach of any of the terms of the Gandhi-Irwin Pact and whether the Government have in such cases drawn the attention of their subordinates to avoid such breach?

*A.*—The breaches of the settlement brought to the notice of the Government have been mainly by persons picketing shops. In cases in which any Government officer has misinterpreted the orders relating to the observance of the settlement his attention has been drawn to the matter.

*Circular by the Collector of Chittoor regarding Congress activities in the Chandragiri taluk.*

* 436 *Q.*—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the circular (copy) annexed herewith was published by the District Collector of Chittoor and distributed in the Chandragiri taluk by the Tahsildar;

(*b*) under whose instructions was the circular issued;

(*c*) from what material was the information contained in the circular drawn; and

(*d*) whether any oral instructions were conveyed by the Collector of Chittoor or the District Superintendent of Police to all their officials or subordinates in the district to prevent Congressmen from holding meetings, processions or propaganda?

*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) The circular [a] in question was not published by the Collector of Chittoor. It was issued by the Tahsildar of Chandragiri to the village officers of his taluk on his own authority.

(*c*) The circular was based on an order issued by the Collector to Magistrates as to the action to be taken in certain eventualities.

(*d*) No.

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"It is said that the Tahsildar of Chandragiri was responsible for the issue of that circular. May I know if the Government are satisfied that the circular was issued without the sanction of the Collector of Chittoor?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Yes, Sir. The Government are satisfied."

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[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on page 338 infra.